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MANDATORY REGISTRATION FOR TRADE UNIONS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered Trade Unions in the country, particularly operational in Multi-National Companies (MNCs);

(b) the details of existing laws for registration of Trade Unions;

(c) whether there is any proposal to make registration mandatory for Trade Unions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) : The Trade Unions Act, 1926, is administered by the State Governments. The information about the number of registered Trade Unions, particularly operational in Multi-National Companies (MNCs) in the country is not centrally maintained.

(b) : Section 4 of the Trade Unions Act, 1926 provides that any seven or more members of a Trade Union may, by subscribing their names to the rules of the Trade Union or by otherwise complying with the provision of this Act with respect to registration, apply for registration of Trade Union under this Act. Provided that no Trade Union of workmen shall be registered unless at least 10 per cent or one hundred of the workmen, whichever is less, engaged or employed in the establishment or industry with which it is connected are the members of such Trade Unions on the date of making of application for registration. Provided further that no Trade Union of workmen shall be registered unless it has on the date of making application not less than seven persons as its members, who are workmen engaged or employed in the establishment or industry with which it is connected. For registration of Trade Unions only the Trade Unions Act, 1926 is applicable.

(c)&(d): There is no proposal under consideration to make registration mandatory for Trade Unions.